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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final rejection herein, mailed 22 March 2010, time for response to which was set to expire 22 June 2010. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 22 September 2010, along with the required fee accompanies this response. A Request for Continued Examination also accompanies this response.

Applicants believe that the enclosed amendment and discussion overcome the outstanding bases for rejection.

Enclosure:

1. Notice of Abandonment

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